

The Office Action has rejected pending claims 20-28 over U.S. Patent No. 6,309,071 (Huang) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,420 to Jung under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The Office Action acknowledges that Huang does not disclose a "means for switching" within first and second means for inserting content. Office Action, P. 3. That is, Huang does not teach or suggest first and second "means for inserting content" "including means for switching". Nor does Jung.

The Office Action states however, that it would have been obvious to "provide color switching means in a system, like the one disclosed by Huang, in the optical light paths leaving the separation polarizing beam splitter, as is shown by Jung to be well known..." Office Action, p. 3. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 20 does not recite that the switching means is provided in optical light paths leaving a separation polarizing beam splitter as apparently contended by the Office Action. Instead, claim 20 recites that "means for switching" are included in "means for inserting content." Jung does not teach or suggest "means for inserting content including means for switching" as recited by claim 20. Instead, Jung discloses that the "color wheel 170 is disposed between the polarization beam splitter 130 and the fourth imaging unit 165 ...." Jung, col. 5:5-6. Thus nowhere does Jung teach or suggest "means for inserting content including means for switching" as recited by claim 20.

Further, Jung does not teach or suggest use of such switching means included in two separate means for inserting content. That is, claim 20 recites both first and second "means for inserting content," each "including means for switching." Instead, only a single color wheel 170 is present in Jung. More

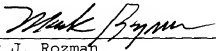
so, Jung does not teach or suggest "means for switching at least two color components of the first light" and "means for switching at least two color components of the second light", as recited by claim 20. Thus Jung does not teach or suggest the claimed plural "means for switching", nor such switching means of first and second lights. Nor does Huang teach or suggest such plural means, as only a single color wheel 114 exists in Huang. For at least these reasons, claim 20 and claims 21 through 28 depending therefrom are patentable over the proposed combination.

Thus the proposed combination is improper. As described above, not all of the claim elements are even taught or suggested by the prior art. Further, there is no motivation or suggestion to combine Huang with Jung. Thus the proposed combination appears to be based on impermissible hindsight analysis, and claims 20-28 patentably distinguish over the proposed combination.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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